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FRYE & CITY CLERK CREATE ELECTIONS TASK FORCE

City Council votes unanimously to form Elections Task Force

San Diego, CA- Today, Councilmember Donna Frye and the City Clerk, Elizabeth Maland, proposed the creation of an Elections Task Force to the City Council. The proposal received a unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilmember Frye stated, “The Elections Task Force is something that we need to create for the public to have a specific forum to discuss how San Diego can improve our election process and how we can increase voter turnout throughout the city. Our goal is to run the most efficient and cost effective elections possible and this task force will help us accomplish that goal.”

The Elections Task Force will analyze a number of issues that could make the elections process more efficient and possibly reduce some costs associated with regular and special elections. Issues that the Elections Task Force will examine include mail-only ballots, instant run-off voting, the city’s relationship with the Registrar of Voters, increased voter outreach and any other elections-related issues that the task force feels should be brought to the attention of the City Council.

City Clerk Elizabeth Maland said, “There are a number of issues related to how the city runs its elections that have come up in the past year or two that need to be examined. The creation of this task force will assist the City Council in making the most informed decision possible with regard to these issues.”

The task force will be chaired by the City Clerk and composed of nine members of the public appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The creation of the Elections Task Force was originally proposed by Frye at the Government & Efficiency Committee meeting last November.

Frye is the Councilmember for the Sixth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Clairemont, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista, Mission Bay, Mission Valley and Serra Mesa. She has served on the City Council since June 2001. She is currently the chair of the City Council’s Natural Resources and Culture committee.

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